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Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated April 20, 2006 for three(3) month(s) from July 20, 2006 to October 20, 2006. An RCE responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

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